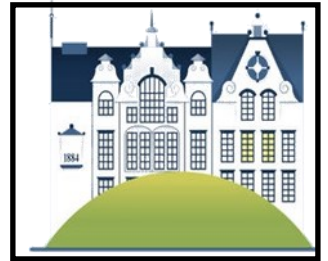


Primrose Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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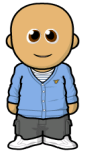
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Science Week has been really exciting! Each year group has visited or had a visit from a scientific organisation. Our Science Leader Niamh Keating has done a great job organising this for everyone. I also hosted some of the Camden Head Teachers this week; they had a tour of the school and were very impressed by the children, the learning and our environment and facilities...especially the outside gym as these pictures show! Have a good weekend. Robin



Writing Event Coming Up

We would like to showcase the children's writing to you later this term. As part of our School Improvement Plan objective on improving writing throughout the school, we would like to invite parents and carers to their children's classrooms and give you opportunity to see what the children have been busy creating over the past term. These events will be on different days and times to give parents with more than one child greater freedom to attend, as follows:

Y1	Weds 17 th June	2:45 pm
Y2	Thurs 29 th June	2:45 pm
Y3	Friday 19 th May	9:00 am
Y4	Thurs 18 th May	9:00 am
Y5	Thurs 18 th June	9:00 am
Y6	Weds 17 th May	2:45pm

Barge News

The Barge Team are organising a Balloon Launch for Friday 26th May and they will be sending out an invitation to our local residents and businesses as they would like as many people as possible to attend this lovely event. More details to come!

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair has been booked for **Saturday 1st July** from **12:00 – 4:00**.



Please keep the date free.

Sex & Relationship Education

Each Summer we will teach elements of the SRE Curriculum (Sex & Relationship Education). This will take place mainly in the second half of the summer term. Last year we invited Jill Morris (PSHE Leader for Camden) to talk to parents and carers about how we teach this curriculum and what content is featured in each year group. This was well attended and was an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions. Jill Morris is returning to do another session on Thursday 4th May at 2:45 in the middle hall. Please complete the signup sheet in the main office if you wish to attend so we have an idea of numbers.

Stars of the Week

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- ★ Dragonflies – Theo & Maya P
- ★ Butterflies – Destiny & Alissa-May
- ★ Grasshoppers – Millie & Shama
- ★ Beetles – Deon & Erlisa
- ★ Bats – James and Adora
- ★ Squirrels – Mason and Ella
- ★ Hedgehogs – Benjamin and Naina
- ★ Foxes – Ahmed & Sami
- ★ Blackbirds – Zakaiya & Edmond
- ★ Woodpeckers – Alana and Christian
- ★ Herons – Jaida and Ridon
- ★ Kestrels – Izzi & Kareem

Attendance & Punctuality

This week's attendance was 97.33% - Well done everyone!!
 Nearly all classes had over 96% Attendance and no classes had more than 5 lates. Keep it up everyone!



Staffing

You will now know that Laura Beeson is expecting a baby in June and will begin her maternity leave after half term. Laura's teaching duties will be covered by Kyri working four days per week and Emma Wregg teaching Newts on a Friday. Very exciting news for Laura and her husband Ben and we look forward to meeting Baby Beeson.

We also welcome some new faces to Primrose Hill for this term. Besa Merovci and Judith Dagleish are new Teaching Assistants.

Key Stage 1 SATS

A reminder that SATS in Y2 will begin at the start of May and continue throughout the next few weeks. The 'tests' are done in very small groups with Pippa and Jacob plus other members of the staff including Robin and the SLT. Please don't worry! We won't tell you specific details about what is happening when, BUT we do need you ensure your child is in school every day and on time. If you missed the parent meeting Robin led in March, the information is on the website, but you can also follow this link: <https://goo.gl/YO7ESq>

Key Stage 2 SATS

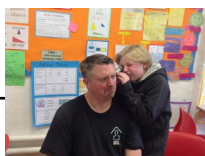
All Y6's across the country will sit the Key Stage 2 SATS the week beginning Monday 8th May 2017. The arrangements are as follows:

Monday 8 th May	Tuesday 9 th May	Wednesday 10 th May	Thursday 11 th May
Reading Test (1 hr)	SPAG Test (45 mins) Spelling Test (20)	Maths Arithmetic Test (30 mins) Maths Reasoning Paper 1 (40 mins)	Maths Reasoning Paper 2 (40 mins)

We will be running a special breakfast Monday to Thursday for the Y6's. This will begin at 8:15 in the dining room. If you missed the meeting on Monday with Robin and Mireille, the information is on the website or at this link: <https://goo.gl/S6Dwd8>

Science Week

What do strawberry ice cream, animal bones and germs have in common? They were all investigated as part of this year's Science week (although not at the same time!) It has been a week of exploration, discovery and collaboration. Our valued partners, UCS in Hampstead hosted Year 5 and 6 children for a fantastic workshop about chemical reactions. We had an exciting new partnership with the Francis Crick Institute who delivered workshops across the school, welcomed Year 5 to their Discovery Lab and helped our Year 6 children as they shared their scientific enquiry skills with parents. Guided by our scientific Year 1 parents, Reception had a wonderful time at a special forest school session with Jane Worroll and Butterflies and Dragonflies learnt all about neuroscience, working with Dr. Ivana Drobnyak from UCL. Thank you to UCS and the Francis Crick Institute, all my wonderful colleagues, our generous parents and, of course, all our enthusiastic young scientists for such a brilliant week! Niamh



Mental Health Work Development at Primrose Hill

Quite a lot of work around the mental health agenda has been taking place at Primrose Hill over the past year. This has been led by Mandy and Syra but also involving a number of key staff in school. Our Governing Body appointed Isabel Murphy as the Link Governor to report on mental health work in the school and she has compiled some headlines for our community so they know what has been going on:

- We have a named Inclusion Lead for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (Mandy Apicano)
- Involvement in the Camden Working Party on Mental Health Provision
- Whole staff INSET training on managing Mental Health difficulties
- Implementation of a Mental Health Policy
- Art therapy and music therapy
- Robust procedures for identifying vulnerable / at risk children this is done in inclusion surgeries and pupil progress reviews
- Behaviour support plans
- Strengths and difficulties questionnaire for children
- Worry boxes in each class with named adult template. Giving children an opportunity to seek help early on.
- Nurture groups in KS1 and KS2
- Whole class resilience programme in KS2
- Group and individual interventions: Talk about , Circle of friends , Lego therapy
- Emotional literacy support assistant leading a KS2 lunch club, KS1 lunch club
- Skills for life: one to one mentoring
- Friendship squad
- Circle times
- Through PSHCE (personal, social, health and citizenship education) teaching emotional and social skills
- Making referrals to services when needed such as CAMHS who provide 1-1 and group therapies
- Mental health and resilience leaflets
- Staff mental health breakfasts / time to talk day IMHAR (Islington mental health and resilience in schools) looking at staff well being

Chickens

We heard some very eggciting news this week.



The school wants to get a barge, we had no idea what it was at first till Walter the water vole told us that it is a special boat that lives on a canal.

How amazing is that?

Its going to be a science barge, all the children seemed very enthusiastic in the playground especially since it was science week, imagine having science week on our very own barge!

We have already planned the grand opening, you will be pleased to know that Madonna (under Jordan and Deans coaching) has got lots better with her dancing and knows exactly how to shake her tail feathers now.

We will obviously hold a concert and will be joined by Rod the duck for a rendition of "We are sailing".

We heard Robin say that the school has lots of things planned to raise money for this eggciting project so watch this space.

Right we are off to pick our nautical outfits.

See you next week

Maddona, Cyndi & Kylie



Term Dates:

Mon 1st May

Thurs 4th May

Bank Holiday–School Closed

2:45 Sex & Relationship Education Workshop for Parents

Mon 8th – Thurs 11th May Key Stage 2 SATS Wk

Weds 17th May

London Fire Brigade Visit Y2 Y5

Mon 22nd May

Kestrels Trip to Chessington Corridor to Nature Day – more info to follow

Tues 23rd May

Herons Trip to Chessington

Fri 26th May

Last Day of Summer I

Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June Half Term

Mon 5th June

INSET DAY School Closed

Tues 13th June

Key Stage 2 Sports Day – Parliament Fields

Wk of 19th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Tues 27th June

Kestrels Lido Trip

Weds 28th June

Herons Lido Trip

Fri 30th June

Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

3rd - 7th July

Y6 School Journey

Thurs 13th July

KS1 Singalong

Weds 19th July

Y6 Production Haverstock Sch

Fri 21st July

Last Day of Term 1:30 Finish

Easyfundraising.org.uk

As you know we are really keen to get our very own floating classroom.

Every penny helps and with this in mind please check out the website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/primhill/>

The school makes money simply by you shopping at no extra cost to you. We need as many supporters as possible so tell your friends and family. Let us see if we can be the most profitable school!